THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTRUE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The oilseed production programme includes the coverage of new area under oilseed, providing inputs and extension services, conducting field demonstrations, arranging seed production, forming cooperative societies, etc..

The NDDB takes up creation/development of processing facilities including the product development.

Till 31st March, 1987 an expenditure of Rs. 449 lakhs and Rs. 147 lakhs have been incurred under processing and oilseed production programme respectively in Andhra Pradesh.

National Commission on Urbanisation

1340. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the recommendations of the National Commission on urbanisation in respect of four cities, *i.e.* Delhi, Calcutta, Madras and Bombay;

(b) whether the commission has recommended basic changes in the Character of the four Metropolitan cities; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government in regard to the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The National Commission on Urbanisation has termed the cities of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras as National cities and made recommendations for National support in their development.

(c) Recommendations of the Commission are under process.

Loss due to flood in Assam

1341. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of loss in terms of rupees caused by floods and erosion in Assam during the last three years; and

(b) what is the total amount of financial grant given to Assam during the period mentioned above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The Government of Assam sought assistance for flood relief for Rs. 151.61 crores in 1984-85, Rs. 86.74 crores in 1985-86 and Rs. 338.20 crores in 1986-87.

(b) The ceiling of expenditure approved for flood relief by the Government of India was Rs. 39.12 crores for 1984-85, Rs. 22.16 crores for 1985-86 and Rs. 31.83 crores for 1986-87.

Garlic production

1342. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that garlic has today become a costly commodity beyond the reach of common people;

(b) whether it is a fact that the supply position of garlic has been tight due to lower production of garlic; and

(c) the reasons for lower production and measures proposed for the increase in the production of garlic?